



FY22 Annual Report

3 of Our Major Programs Re-Accredited

In FY2022, Healthy Families Mountain State, Prevent Child Abuse West Virginia and Western Regional CASA each underwent a close examination of how the program operates to confirm best practice adherence to program standards. The processes involve a combination of completion of self-assessments, interviews and proof of compliance. All three programs passed with flying colors!

How We Fund Our Programs

We owe our funders a big shout-out for supporting the programs of the TEAM. The TEAM receives a variety of grants to implement its work, along with fundraising activities. Here are our FY22 major funders:

- Aetna Better Health
- Alliance for Early Success
- Claude Worthington Benedum Foundation
- Huntington Clinical Foundation
- Interest on Lawyers Trust Accounts
- Juvenile Justice & Delinquency Prevention
- River Valley Child Development Services
- Sisters of St. Joseph Health & Wellness Foundation
- United Way of Central West Virginia
- Victims of Crime Act
- WV Department of Health & Human Resources
- WV Perinatal Partnership



The 2022 *Service to Children* award was given to the COVID Healthcare Heroes for Children at Hoops Family Children's Hospital at Cabell Huntington Hospital, a member of Mountain Health Network, during a virtual celebration in May. Many thanks to our many sponsors for their support of this award. The TEAM would like to thank everyone who helped pull off this event.



Healthy Families Mountain State

The TEAM entered its 26th year of providing support to families who are pregnant or parenting small children and offering them the voluntary home visitation services of Healthy Families Mountain State.

for expectant women and new parents. In FY22, those challenges continued to be exacerbated by the COVID-19 pandemic. Despite this obstacle, home visitors served 244 families, facilitating 3,317 home visits both in person and virtual.

During this past year, Healthy Families Mountain State continued providing the screening, assessment and referral system



When I found myself being a first-time mom at age 40, I was introduced to Healthy Families — it's been a blessing to me and my daughter. The lady who visits me has taught me how to be a better mother for my daughter...This program has helped me be the best mom I can be for her.

I don't want to lose my CASA. If she can stay in my life, then I want to be adopted.

— Kanawha County Teen

We
needs more
volunteers!



Western Regional CASA

During this year, 96 CASA volunteers advocated for 553 abused or neglected children in our 10-county area. 21 of those volunteers were newly trained this year in core model CASA advocacy. Our CASA volunteers donated 3830 hours (valued at \$115,000) as they advocated for the best interests of CASA children.

Western Regional CASA piloted a new post-permanency program, *Follow Up to Permanency*. This project offers support to permanent families for up to one year after the court case is closed.

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West Virginia Infant/Toddler Mental Health Association

The promotion of infant mental health practices and professional development are two important facets of the work of the West Virginia Infant/Toddler Mental Health Association. During the past year, the Association connected over 400 people to professional development opportunities and developed a branded social media campaign that has attracted over 7200 views. Throughout the past few years, the critical importance of nurturing relationships was amplified, highlighting the need for healthy social emotional development for ALL West Virginia children and families. It has 150 members and has endorsed 64 people with 17 more in process. The Association began a year-long campaign of social media posts on topics including nurturing interactions, brain development, supporting caregivers, encouraging young children, reading, outside play, traumatic stress, and breastfeeding.



West Virginia Infant/Toddler Mental Health Association

Supporting the social and emotional well being of children

The Association created and hosted a week-long series of webinars on supporting children and families while building relationships. It works always around Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion. The Association purchased and personalized an Emergency Preparedness booklet and also shared resources on the trauma experienced by children during conflict and war.

Partners in Community Outreach

The Partners in Community Outreach Training Specialist offered professional development to In-Home Family Education sites on topics such as Healthy Pregnancy, C-Section — Why, How and Recovery, Understanding How Adolescent Development Affects Teen Pregnancy, Family Planning and Birth Control, Recognizing and Sharing Strengths, Understanding How Trauma Can Affect the Brain, Building a Strong Home Visiting Program. 16 In-Home Family Education sites received training and technical assistance stipends for training opportunities, mentoring, and becoming peer reviewers. Programs began conversations with Congressional delegation about the reauthorization of Federal Maternal Infant Early Childhood Home Visiting funding.

The NEAR@Home Project was kicked off in FY22 and is funded by the St. Joseph Health and Wellness Foundation. Two Supervisor Academies were held.



Partners in Community Outreach

Education Begins at Home

Feedback: Enjoyed exploring new ideas for our program. Ideas we can implement now & ideas we can think on & ways to make those happen.

Always enjoy our time together.

I have worked with children and families for 20 years. I had never looked at prevention quite like I do now. It never occurred to me that we could be preventing the abuse before it happened. In the few months we have been doing this, we had a lot more people want to collaborate with us as we share the same goals. — PIP team from Monongalia County

This training provided a lens shift. It provided a power shift into the hands of the families. — Circle of Parents Facilitator

Prevent Child Abuse West Virginia

The National Child Abuse Prevention Month theme was “Growing a Better Tomorrow for All Children. Together.” The garden metaphor of planting a pinwheel garden reinforces the message that every day, we can help families and children thrive.

The Partners in Prevention (PIP) Initiative awards minigrants to fund projects in communities that focus on building Protective factors. The community teams operate in 42 counties across the state. PIP teams served 18,999 people and trained 4,201 individuals. Examples of community projects include community baby showers, diaper pantries, support groups, food drives, mobile food pantries, resource fairs and educational materials distribution.

Circle of Parents West Virginia are parent-led self-help groups where parents and caregivers share ideas, celebrate successes, and address the challenges surrounding parenting. 15 organizations sponsored 24 groups, conducting 155 meetings and serving 314 parents and 156 children through in-person and virtual meetings.

Our Babies: Safe and Sound maintained a partnership with 22 birthing hospitals in WV, as well as 34 early childhood home visitation programs. 36,843 materials were distributed to parents and caregivers on infant safe sleep and preventing Shaken Baby Syndrome.

